

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING FCC REPLY COMMENTS**

**Deadline: December 14, 2018 by 11:59 PM**

- Adapt the following letter to describe your organization and put it on your letterhead if possible. Areas to change are marked in **Red**. Save your letter as a PDF file and submit it using instructions below, and email it to BCTV Executive Director Cor Trowbridge at [cor@brattleborotv.org](mailto:cor@brattleborotv.org).
- Go to <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings> and enter the following information:

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| <b>Proceeding(s)</b>         | 05-311                    |
| <b>Name(s) of Filer(s)</b>   | Your Name or Organization |
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- In the "Upload Documents" area, click to select your PDF file from your computer or drag and drop the file into the box.
- In the dialog box, add in Description: **Reply Comment in support of the Comments of Brattleboro Community Television, Inc. File ID 1113560010350.**
- Check "Email Confirmation."
- Click on "Continue to Review Screen."
- Click on "Submit."
- You should receive an email confirmation.

***Thank you for supporting Community Media in Vermont and across the nation!***

12 December, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman  
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner  
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

We write to support the Comments of Brattleboro Community Television, Inc. (File ID 1113560010350) and to disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC’s September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05-311.

.As one of the 50+ volunteer producers for Brattleboro Community Television for the past 7 years, I have recorded, edited and prepared for broadcast over 30 forums and presentations on issues impacting our community, issues like Medicare Fraud, green building, health care, and other topics of legislative importance. In addition, I have taped and processed for broadcast 25 local music and art videos. Community access television is vital for informing and enhancing any community. I believe that the strength of the country is based on the strength and vibrancy of local communities, and public access television strengthens communities.

This local presence enables the residents of Brattleboro, Windham County, Vermont to create and watch uniquely local programming about their community and local events and issues of interest to them. And that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion to include “in-kind” support, the FCC’s proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators – something that was never the intent of the Act – and could ultimately result in such reduction in franchise fees as to defund PEG Access in our state.

We appreciate your consideration and hope you will protect PEG Access in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice.

Sincerely,  
Kipton Tewksbury  
Volunteer Producer  
Brattleboro Community Television